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The humble *ADDRESS* of the
two Houses of *CONVOCA-*
TION, as proposed by the Lord
Archbishop and Suffragan Bishops
to the inferiour Clergy of the Pro-
vince of Canterbury, in order to
be presented to the Queen's most
Excellent Majesty; Entituled, The
humble Address of the Archbi-
shop and Bishops [and the rest
of the Clergy] of the Province
of *Canterbury* in Convocation as-
sembled.

WE Your Majesty's most faithful and
dutiful Subjects, the Archbishop
and Bishops [and Clergy] of the
Province of *Canterbury* in *CONVOCA-
TION*
A assembled,

assembled, do humbly present ourselves before Your Majesty, to express the grateful Sense we have of the many Blessings we enjoy under Your most auspicious Reign ; and to congratulate Your Majesty upon the many and great Advantages it hath pleased God to give You and Your Allies, particularly in this last Year, against the common Enemy of our Religion and Liberties.

We should have esteem'd it a mighty Addition to these Blessings, if after such successful Progresses in War we could have congratulated Your Majesty upon a secure and glorious Peace. But even the Continuance of the War gives us a more lively Sense of the terrible Dangers we were in, and of the great Deliverance that we owe under God to Your Majesty's wise and happy Administration. For if after so many Battles won, so many Towns taken, so many whole Countries gain'd, the Enemy is not yet brought to comply with safe and equal Conditions of Peace ; in how deplorable a State must we have been, had so exorbitant a Power been either left without Opposition, or been unsuccessfully oppos'd.

We of the Clergy think ourselves bound in a particular Manner to return our most humble Thanks to Your Majesty, for Your constant Zeal and Affection for the Church
of

of *England*, of which under Christ You are
supreme Governour, and for the frequent De-
clarations of Your fixt Resolution to secure
and maintain the Protestant Succession in the
House of *Hanover*, with which we have al-
ways believ'd the Safety of Your Majesty, of
the Church of *England*, and of the whole Pro-
testant Interest, to be inseparably united.

Your Majesty's most gracious Letter to the
Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury*, our President,
has been by him communicated to us, for
which we return our most humble and duti-
ful Thanks: And we humbly beg Leave to
assure Your Majesty, that we shall be ready
to pay, not only all the Duty we owe to
Your Majesty as our lawful and rightful So-
vereign, but all the Gratitude that is due to
so great a Benefactor: That through the Di-
vine Assistance we shall now and at all Times
endeavour by our Doctrine, our Lives, and
our Labours, to serve and adorn that Church
which Your Majesty hath so firmly resolved
to support and encourage: That we shall
ever be watchful against the Growth of A-
theism and Immorality, of Hæresy, Schism
and Superstition: That we shall faithfully in-
struct the People committed to our Charge to
be dutiful and obedient to Your Majesty for
Conscience Sake: And shall also study, as
becomes

becomes the Ministers of the Gospel, to promote Piety, Peace and Quietness among all Your Subjects.

May it please God to pour down upon Your Majesty all Blessings both Spiritual and Temporal: May He direct all Your Counsels for the Good of these Kingdoms, and prosper Your Affairs both at Home and Abroad for the common Benefit of us and all *Europe*: May You long live to see Your People Safe in an honourable and lasting Peace; and may All in their several Stations make such Returns of Duty to Your Majesty, as may render Your Reign easy and happy, and enable You to derive the Blessings thereof to many Generations.



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